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ABSTRACT

This workbook is designed for use with third, fourth, or fifth grade elementary school students and focuses on African American history and culture. Of the workbook's 14 lessons, Lesson 1 asks students to consider what they already know about Africa. Lesson 2 focuses on the geography of Africa. Lesson 3 presents current scientific theory about the origins of the human race. Lesson 4 tells an African creation myth. Lessons 5 and 6 tell about the glory of two ancient African civilizations, Egypt and Mali. Lessons 7 and 8 deal with the issues of the slave trade and slavery including ex-slaves' memories of what life was like for them as children. Lesson 9 deals with the civil rights movement. Lessons 10 through 13 describe several prominent African Americans: Zora Neale Hurston, Langston Hughes, Marva Collins, Louis Sullivan, Condoleezza Rice, Maxine Waters, and Colin Powell. The final lesson suggests that students do a report on some African Americans of prominence and offers a list of historical and contemporary figures in a wide range of fields. Each lesson includes activities that require students to respond personally and creatively. An answer key is also provided. (JB)

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